

REMARKS


In response to the Restriction Requirement dated April 11, 2003, Applicants hereby wish to elect the subject matter of Group I (claims 37-60 and 70-72) drawn to a detection process for continued prosecution in this application. Claims 37-60 and 70-72 have been cancelled and claims 61-69 have been withdrawn. New claims 73-128, which roughly corresponds to claims 37-60 and 70-72 are submitted herein. New independent claims 73 and 101 correspond to independent claims 37 and 38, respectively.

In addition, Applicants further elect Species II – nucleic acid under 35 U.S.C. § 121. Claims 73-77, 81-89, 91-92, 94, 96-98, 100-105, 109-117, 119-120, 122, 124-126, and 128 read upon the elected invention. This election is being made without traverse and without prejudice to continue prosecution of those non-elected claims in a later application.

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